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Applicant: Paul Johnson, et al.

Serial No.: 10/750,417

Filed: December 31, 2003

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETECTING CRACKS IN WELDS



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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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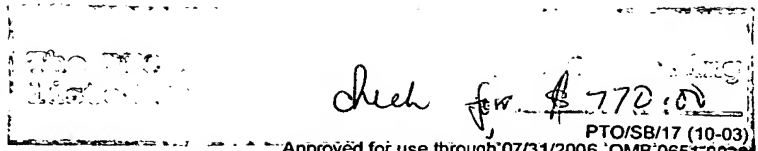
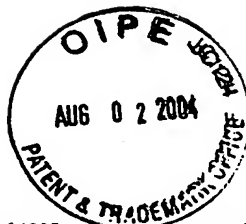
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") (copy enclosed) of Applicant: **Paul Johnson, et al.**, Serial No.: **10/750,417** dated **May 3, 2004**, Applicants respectfully submit the following: fully executed Declaration/Power of Attorney documents of inventors: **Paul Johnson (3 pgs.); David Galbally (3pgs.); Walter Anthony Mitchell, III (3 pgs.);** and **Trevor James Davis (3 pgs.);** and Patent Practitioner(s) Designation Under 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3) in compliance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.63;

Fully executed Utility Patent Application Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) for payment of the statutory filing fees ; and

Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1); The Commissioner is asked to consider this a request for a one-month extension of time through and including **August 3, 2004**, to file this Response and is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 01-2384, for the late filing fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130.00; and the one-month extension of time fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) of \$110.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ ) 770.00

## Complete if Known

Application Number 10/750,417  
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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	\$770
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$ ) 770.00

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims 20	-20** =	X	= 0
Multiple Dependent Claims 3	-3** =	X	= 0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ ) 0

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ )

## SUBMITTED BY

(Complete if applicable)

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Signature [Signature] Date August 2, 2003

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

08/04/2004 EFLORES 00000081 012384 10750417

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:1001 770.00 DA  
 02 FC:1051 130.00 DA

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity; must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 4.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$900 for a Large Entity

- \$770 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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